

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2409 - SB 2345

February 21, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires organizations to use high-quality instructional materials to be eligible for a Lottery for Education Afterschool Programs (LEAP) grant. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to give preference in awarding LEAP grants to programs that offer summer programming focused on closing the literacy gaps among students entering grades one through three. Establishes criteria to determine the preference order for awarding LEAP grants.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-701 establishes the LEAP Grant Fund to provide grants and technical assistance to afterschool programs provided by public and not-for-profit organizations in this state.
- LEAP grants are awarded every three years and there are currently 65 grantees, including 43 local education agencies (LEAs) and school districts and 22 community and faith-based organizations; award amounts totaled \$13,577,456 in FY19-20.
- The award of LEAP grants in any fiscal year is subject to the availability of appropriated funds; any remaining money in the LEAP Grant Fund at the end of each fiscal year is carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year to remain available for use by DOE for after school programs and technical assistance for those programs.
- The proposed legislation will not affect the availability of funds to be used for LEAP grants.
- The proposed LEAP grant preference criteria focuses on students in grades one through three, which may impact grantees that have traditionally served middle school students; the proposed criteria may also result in fewer community and faith-based organizations receiving grant funds.
- To the extent that fewer grants are issued and different student populations served as a result of this legislation, there may be a shift in grant funding. However, total funding will not be impacted as a result of the proposed legislation; therefore, no significant impact to state expenditures.
- Any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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